30th September, 1917

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Presidency Senior Chaplain.—Rev. John Heron, M.A., B.D. (on leave).
Offg. Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D. (on tour).
Acting Joint Chaplain.—Rev. W. Meston, M.A., B.D., Harley's Road, Kilpauk.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson, Esq., W. A. Beardsell, Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton, Esq., W. Lamb, Esq., A. C. Puddephatt, Esq., R. W. Ross, Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson, Esq., W. A. Turner, Esq., and C. A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
Organist and Choirmaster—A. W. Jones, Esq., 1/144 Mount Road.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Pritchard, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
Women's Guild Joint Secretary—Mrs. Russell, General Hospital.
Women's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Kalajagah, Chetput.
School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Chetput.

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Church Notes

Holy Communion.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the close of the Evening Service on the 7th October, the first Sunday of the Quarter.

Special Collection.—The special collection held on Sunday, 2nd September, 1917, on behalf of our St. Andrew's Tamil Church, realized (Rs. 48-5-9).

Tour of Presidency Senior Chaplain.—Every now and then there are indications of the needs of our Scottish brethren in districts far removed from any church of their fathers, and it is an obvious duty, as it is a great pleasure, to supply these needs as far as may be. An occasional tour is a small thing in itself, but it helps by establishing touch with different districts, and it was therefore a very real satisfaction to receive sanction for a tour in Cochin, Mundakayam, Peermade, and The High Range. The tour has so far progressed smoothly, and we hope it will prove successful. We are now in Mundakayam, and the programme is that we should proceed to Peermade about 26th September, and to the High Range about 12th October. Coimbatore, where there are several Scots, may be fitted in on the way back to Madras at the end of October. The Rev. W. Meston, Madras Christian College, has fortunately been able to undertake the duties of Acting Joint Chaplain of the church, and it need not be said that this arrangement has given the greatest satisfaction to all.

Choir.—The approach of the cooler weather always brings an increase of activities in many directions, and it is hoped that the choir will rapidly recover from the unavoidable losses it has recently sustained. Marriage, sickness, transfers, and military duties have lowered the numbers of choir members to the extent of half-a-dozen or so, a large proportion from a choir of the size, and suitable successors will be very gladly welcomed. We owe a great deal to those choir members who have so faithfully fulfilled their part of the service throughout the "burden and heat."

Sale of Work and Garden Fete in aid of the Hospital Ship "Madras."—As announced in our last Supplement, the ladies of the Guild have agreed to Her Excellency's proposal that we should hold a Sale for the H. S. "Madras" which is "*in the most urgent need of funds.*" Rs. 65,000 a month are generously provided by the Madras War Fund, but it requires a lakh and a quarter a month to keep the ship afloat. It is no wonder there-

fore that Her Excellency Lady Pentland asks us if we can get any additional help. What we do will be "a drop in the ocean," but we shall at least do our best and we earnestly ask all the members of the congregation for their hearty co-operation. We have not yet heard what date Their Excellencies can come to open the Sale, but we have suggested two dates, the 24th November, and the 1st December and we should like to get up a Concert the evening before if possible. Already the Woman's Guild has held two meetings and the work of organization is going on. Everything is beginning to take more organised shape.

So far the following stalls have been arranged :—

Produce	Mrs. Taylor Mitchell and Assistants.
Tea Room	Mrs. Atkinson and Assistants.
Jams and Pickles	Misses Graham and Hall.
Curios and Knick-Knacks.	Misses Forbes and Falconer.
Plain and Fancy Work.	Mrs. G. K. Walker and Assistants.
One-rupee Stall ...	Mrs. Adam and Assistants.
Choir Stall	Mrs. Boys and Members of the Choir.
Four and Eight-anna Stalls ...	Misses Rowley and B. Falconer.
Miscellaneous ...	Mrs. Gillan, Mrs. Organe and Assistants.
Kashmiri Stones and Jewellery.	Mrs. Russell.

Various other friends have kindly promised to help, and most of the firms have promised assistance if "even in a small way" and from all sides we are now meeting with sympathy and encouragement.

There will also be side-shows and we are hoping hard for a fine day! The girls of the Doveton College are most kindly going to work for us under the leadership of Miss Sampson and her Assistants, and Miss Sampson has sent us a long list of the articles that she thinks they can supply in the time. Many other friends have given help both in the way of money and promises but as this is being written on tour our readers will pardon its incompleteness.

Mrs. Russell has kindly consented to act as Joint-Secretary in Mrs. Gillan's absence, and we are deeply grateful to her for her help.

St. Andrew's Free School.—The school closed for the Michaelmas holidays on Thursday, 27th September, and will be reopened on Tuesday, 9th October, 1917, at 8-30 A.M.

There are over 50 pupils attending the school and they are the picture of health. One has only to visit the school to see how competent is the work done by Mrs. Pritchard and her staff, and how happily the children respond to their instruction. The children are happy too in their neat dining room and the care which ministers to their creature comforts.

Sunday School.—The attendance of pupils continues satisfactory. But the shortage in the Teaching Staff is still a handicap on the work. On September 16th, The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Meston kindly visited the school and Mr. Meston took over charge for that afternoon as the Superintendent left early. On September 23rd, the school was closed, just for the one Sunday, on account of the Michaelmas holidays. This is a new departure but one which brings the school into line with the Day Schools at this season of the year. We shall be glad to learn of anyone who is willing to join the Teaching Staff of the school. Meanwhile we are glad to welcome back to the school for two Sundays our old friend Mr. Charles Boys during his brief leave after a severe illness.

Soldiers' Tea Party.—The sixth entertainment for soldiers was given on 6th August. It was the largest gathering of soldiers we have yet had. The Officers at headquarters could not give us any definite idea as to how many men could be spared, as there was some changing of companies between Wellington and Madras and in addition a good many men were down with dengue fever. Early in the preparations we were promised the Band, but two days before a note came from the Adjutant saying he was very sorry to inform us that the Band had been ordered to Wellington! We calculated we might have 70, but as there was a special influx of men at the Soldiers' Club the night before, we had over 90 guests! Everything went smoothly, the food supplies held out in spite of the additional men, and in spite of a bad week, with many and sudden downpours of rain, we managed once more to secure a fine evening! The routine of the entertainment was the same as on former occasions, competitions, Badminton and Clock-Golf. Although it was one of the hottest and closest

evenings we have had during the season, the men entered into Badminton with more zest than ever, and the clock rings were occupied all the time with eager competitors. We are specially indebted to Mr. Beardsell for kindly having the clock rings overhauled for us, sanded, and improved. Mr. Mackenzie, the Secretary of Golf Club, kindly inspected them for us, so we know they were in as good order as possible. Four prizes were awarded to the winners of the competitions, these being generously given by Captain Guthrie who has helped us on so many occasions.

The Concert was very enjoyable and the ladies and gentlemen who contributed items were Mrs. Frost, Miss Atkinson, Miss Muriel Johnston, Miss Berryman, Col. Bryson and Mr. Hooper. Three soldiers also kindly helped with songs. Miss Iles played her violin and most of the accompaniments in which she was assisted by Mrs. Higginbotham. Warmest thanks are accorded to all who helped in any way to make the entertainment the splendid success it was.

Gifts of cakes and money were received from:—

Mesdames Atkinson, Burnett, Conran, Dunhill, Leech, McDougall, Boys, Vaughan, Chatterton, Niblock, Gillan, Taylor Mitchell, Prosser, Misses Rowley, Falconer, Forbes, Graham, Bain and Hall, and Mr. Ashworth.

The next party will be held on the 2nd October and after that, having devoted our energies all the hot weather to entertaining and trying to make happy healthy soldiers, we are going to turn our thoughts to the sick and wounded and have the Sale in aid of the Hospital Ship "Madras," to which reference has been made above.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

August 30th, 1917—Mercy Alice, daughter of Samuel Richard and Annie Maria Matthews.

Marriages

"What God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

September 1st, 1917—David Innes Smith to Mary Maud O'Leary.
,, 8th, 1917—Charles Ernest Gray Davis to Irene Estelle Ballantyne.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for August, 1917

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Church Choir, } for July ...	157	0	0
„ Seat Rents	170	0	0	„ „ Estabt. } for July ...	184	8	0
„ Church Collections	175	8	1	„ Organ Blowers, (August) ...	2	0	0
„ Refunds	5	0	0	„ Repairs to Office Safe ...	12	0	0
„ Organ Practice	10	0	0	„ Communion Wine	3	2	0
				„ M. P. House Printing Bills 60 and 106	12	12	0
				„ M. E. S. Co., Current for July.	8	4	0
				„ Special Collection Woman's Guild	77	4	0
				„ Miscellaneous	6	5	6
				Balance Credit this Account ...	6	4	7
Total ...	469	8	1	Total ...	469	8	1

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for August, 1917

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	11	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	195	0	0
„ Refund	10	0	0	„ Food	88	12	0
„ Cash	289	1	6	„ Cinematograph visit expenses.	9	8	0
				„ Printing and Attendance Register	3	14	0
				„ Miscellaneous and Kindergarten Account	12	15	6
Total ...	310	1	6	Total ...	310	1	6

H. BOYS,
Church Clerk.

D. H. GILLAN,
Senior Chaplain.

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